



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023

**Sheriff David Reynolds**

Undersheriff Thomas Murphy II

Major Michael Blaise

Major Peter Feeley



The Sheriff's Office is responsible for numerous functions throughout the county and is broken into three categories: the county jail, civil office, and road patrol.

The County Jail is a required function by New York State and is regulated by the New York State Commission of Corrections. Accredited by the NYS Sheriff's Association.

The Civil Office is also required by law, processing evictions, orders of protection, as well as property and income executions.

The Road Patrol division of the Sheriff's Office is the most visible, deputies are out in the communities responding to emergency calls and providing support for community functions. In 2023, two K9 units joined the Sheriff's Office.



# Mission

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To create a living and evolving culture where the Sheriff's Office and the community we serve will develop the best version of themselves

# Purpose

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Maintain a safe and secure correctional facility, ensuring proper care, supervision and discipline for all individuals held in the custody of the Sheriff.

To properly receive and execute any and all legal civil processes referred to the Sheriff.

Maintain peace and order in the County by protecting personal safety, property and in general assisting citizens in need.

# Tenets for Success

## INTEGRITY

Sworn and non-sworn, are responsible for their own actions and the actions of their brethren. Always do what is right, with commitment to your convictions while standing tall.

## SERVICE

Ensure everyone by our actions that they feel revered and listened to in their time of need or concern. Find your purpose in the service of others.

## EXCELLENCE

A goal to strive for and a commitment to never stop until it is achieved. Ordinary is not an option.

## TEAMWORK

The ability to work together for a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishment towards organizational objectives, it is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results

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***ESSEX COUNTY***  
***SHERIFF***

# Retirements

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## Deputy William Allen



Congratulations to Deputy Billy Allen,  
retiring with over twenty-three years of service to  
Essex County.

*Thank you and  
enjoy your retirement*



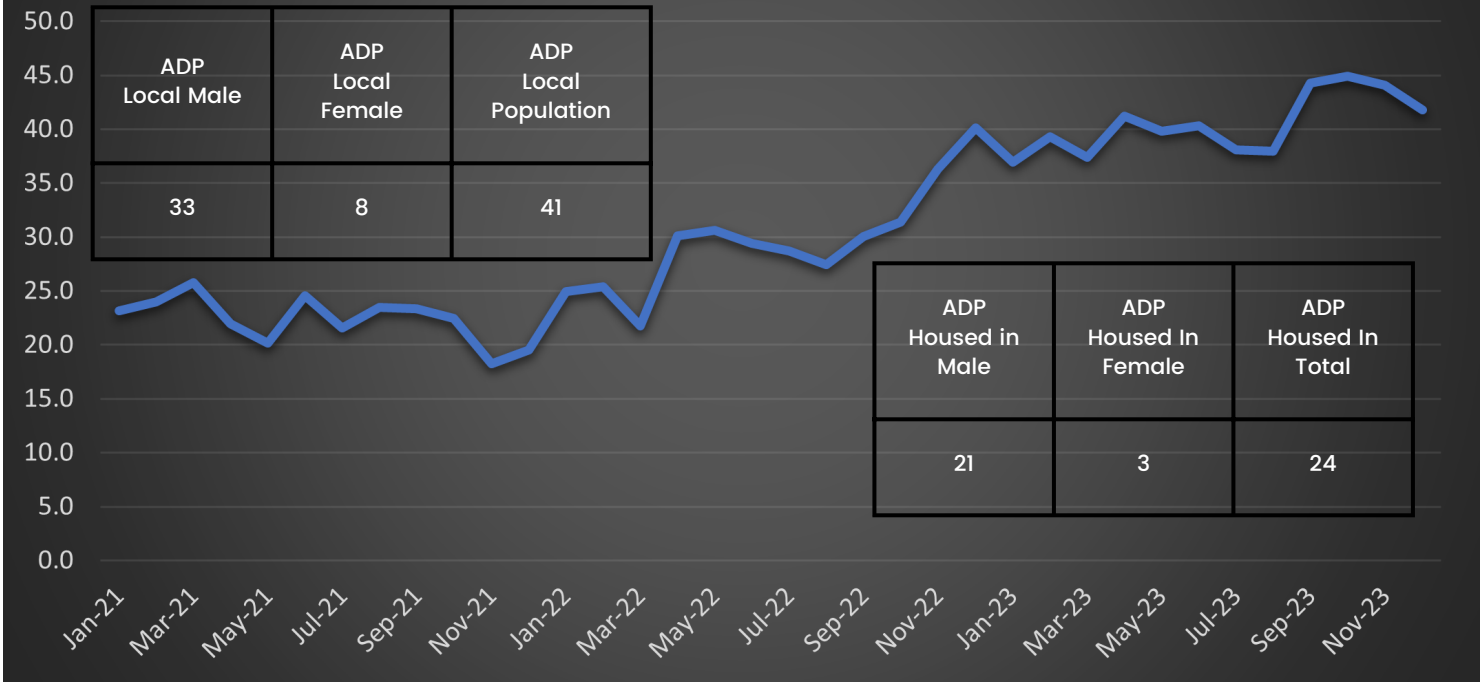
# County Jail >>>

## NYSSA Accredited Jail

Operated by dedicated staff members, program providers and volunteers safely keep the facility safe and provide skills to re-enter our communities.

<b>Average Daily Local Population</b> 41	<b>Average Daily Population</b> 65	<b>Bookings</b> 365
<b>January 1, 2023 Local Population</b> 40	<b>Average Daily Boarded In</b> 24	<b>Releases</b> 385
<b>December 31, 2023 Local Population</b> 37	<b>Average Length of Stay</b> 42 Days	<b>Pre-Arrest Holds</b> 54

**Average Monthly Local Daily Population  
01/01/2021 - 12/31/2023**





# County Jail >>>

Numerous factors are taken in to account when managing the inmate population. The State Commission of Correction is the oversight agency, which ensures the Sheriff's Office is following the Minimum Standards. These standards are used to create policy and procedure, creating a safe and secure environment.



**Inmate Transports**  
560

**Miles Traveled for Inmate Transports**  
50486

**Meals Served:**  
70964

**Video Visitation**  
12,209 Completed

**Contact Visitation**  
1,468 Visitors

**Phone Calls Completed to Friends and Family**  
58,923

**Grievances**  
62

52 resolved in house  
10 sent to the Citizen Review Board in Albany.

**Citizen Review Board dismissed all 10**

**In-House Disciplinary Charges**  
150

**Disposition of Charges**  
5 Formal Hearings  
140 Plea Bargains  
5 Dismissals

**Disciplinary Hearing Fees**  
\$785.00

**24 Inmates placed on a Constant Watch Due to Risk of Self Harm.**  
  
For an average of 2.34 Days

**14 Inmates placed in segregated confinement**  
  
For an average of 2.6 days



# County Jail >>>

## Inmate Programs

This allows for service providers to meet with inmates, giving them an opportunity for a better life.

### Mental Health Association In Essex County (MHA)

A caseworker meets weekly with the inmate population, to discuss their plans for when they are released from the jail.

Face to Face Meetings

690

### Medical Services Provided

Inmates Seen By Medical Providers  
468

Inmates Taken for  
Emergency Medical Care  
16

Inmates Receiving Medically Assisted  
Treatment (MAT) for Addiction  
121

### St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment and Recovery

Total Sessions  
1520

One on One Counseling Sessions  
504

Group Session Attendance  
997

Referrals Made  
124

### Essex County Mental Health

Staff members meet with inmates on a regular basis, plus provide on-call crisis counseling.

Inmates Seen By Mental Health  
283





# County Jail >>>

## Inmate Programs

**Education is the Key to Success.**

Using this motto, and in cooperation with Champlain Valley Educational Services CV-TEC, the Essex County Jail has been able to development a successful education program.

<b>Eligible Incarcerated Youth</b> Anyone under the age of 21, who does not possess a High School Diploma or Equivalency must attend educational services.	<b>Total Eligible Youth Participates</b>  2
<b>Adults make up most of the education program.</b>  <b>Total Participation in Educational Programs</b>  103	
<b>Referrals Made</b> These referrals range from emergency housing upon release to continued job skill training  59	
<b>High School Diploma Equivalency Certificates Awarded</b>  9	<b>Nineteen different life skills course are offered, these are family oriented, as well as work force readiness</b>  <b>Hours of Program Education Provided</b>  3,719

# Civil Division

To serve and execute the various legal processes issued not only by and for the several non-criminal courts of the state and its subdivisions, but also for the legal community and the general public. Departmental and divisional policies and procedures are consistent with New York State and court case law. Also in cooperation with IDENTGO and DCJS, provide electronic fingerprinting for all non-criminal transactions.



## Summons Served for 2023

875

### Summons (Generic)

256

### Family Court Papers

271

### Order of Protections

151

### Warrant of Eviction

58

### Miscellaneous

152

### Total Money Handled

\$441,134.22

## Finacial Breakdown for 2023

### Mileage Fees

\$21,037.33

### Poundage Fees

\$16,494.87

### Filing Fees

\$7,341.00

### Levy Fees

\$767.00

### Service Fees

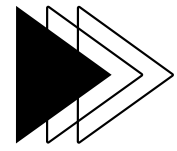
\$14,529.00

### Bail Paid

\$65,532.00



# Patrol Division



The patrol division of the Essex County Sheriff's Office consists of sworn police officers. Some of the deputy sheriffs have been trained as EMTs and assist the local ambulance squads of Essex County. All deputy sheriffs have training in first aid and CPR/AEDs.

The deputies assigned to patrol enforce the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law, Penal Law and other laws of New York State. Deputies also investigate Motor Vehicle Accidents.

**Dispatched Reponses**

**4048**

**Incidents Reported**

**1350**

**Arrests Made**

**230**

**Vehicle & Traffic Law  
Tickets Issued**

**323**



**Driving While  
Intoxicated (DWI)  
Arrests**

**10**

**Emergency Medical  
Responses**

**168**

**Traffic Crashes  
Investigated**

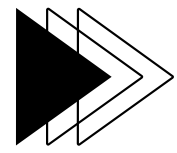
**88**

**Patrol Miles**

**150,827**



# Patrol Division



The patrol division of the Essex County Sheriff's Office also utilizes Project Lifesaver and Boat Patrol to maintain a safe community.

Sex Offender Management is also a key component of the patrol division.



## Project Lifesaver

11 Active Clients

Provides a piece of mind to caregivers of people who have a tendency to wander, but may forget where they are going or how to get home



## Sex Offender Management

103 Sex Offenders are monitored by the Sheriff's Office

15 Investigations made for failure to register  
5 Arrests made for failure to register or updated as required



## Boat Patrol

100 hours were spent on Essex County waterways.

Providing assistance to 1 vessel in distress  
Also provided water safety coverage during Ironman Lake Placid



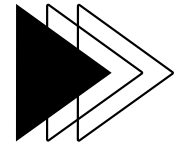
## Law Enforcement Mental Health Referral System

Deputies referred 87 individuals.

This program has been developed by mental health agencies within the county to create a realtime referral system. Giving them the help they need, rather than become part of the criminal justice system.



# School Resource Officers

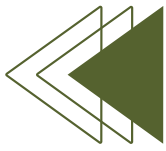


The Essex County Sheriff's Office has officers assigned to numerous schools throughout the County. These officers help build a rapport with the students, plus provide an added layer of security for the school.

## This service is provided to:

Boquet Valley Central School  
Crown Point Central School  
Champlain Valley Educational Services - Mineville  
MInerva Central School  
Moriah Central School  
Ticonderoga Central School  
Willsboro Central School





# Tri-County Special Response Team

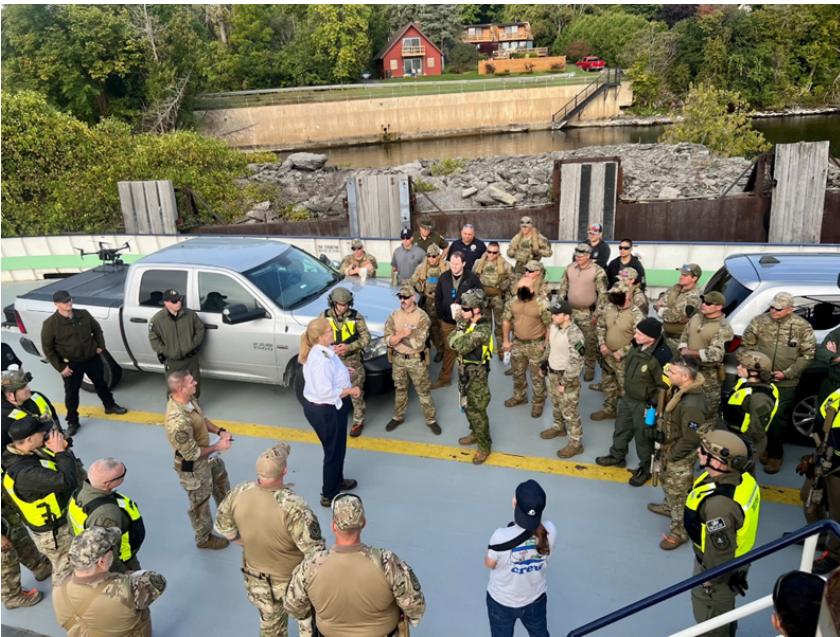


Made from members of local law enforcement from Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties

31 Activations for 2023

Activation Reasons:

Search and Arrest Warrants  
Barricaded Persons  
Surveillance and Protection  
Search and Rescue



# K9 Unit

New to Essex County and funded by opiate settlement funds the Essex County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit



**K9 Marcy**

Handler Deputy T. Champine



**K9 Dacks**

Handler Deputy J. Stontisch

After an intense training at Shallow Creek Kennels in Pennsylvania, Dacks and Marcy came to Essex County in Mid-April ready to serve. They did not disappoint.

Since arriving they responded to 43 calls, in Essex County and Clinton County

**Essex County  
Sheriff  
23**

**NY State  
Police  
11**

**Ticonderoga  
PD  
5**

**Essex County  
Probation  
1**

**Plattsburgh  
PD  
1**

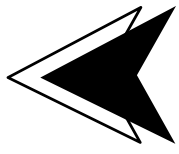
**Clinton County  
Sheriff  
1**

**Arrests  
Made  
30**

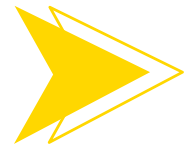
**Over 2 kilograms  
(4.5 pounds)  
of illegal drugs seized**

**2 Handguns  
Seized**

**Since the initial training, K9s and  
their human partners completed  
almost 300 hours of additional  
training**



# Training



TRAINING		
Training is a critical component to Success		
Training leads to a safer work environment in the jail. Training allows road patrols to better serve the county.		
Jail	Road	Total
2787 Hours	1127 Hours	3914 Hours



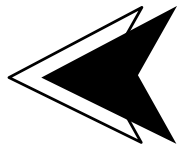
# Prescription Medication Takeback

A secure dropbox is available in the lobby of the Public Safety Building. Using this drop box, unwanted medication is properly disposed of and destroyed.

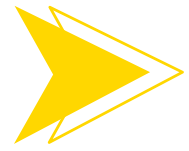
149.8 pounds of medication was disposed of properly using this system.







# Community Activities

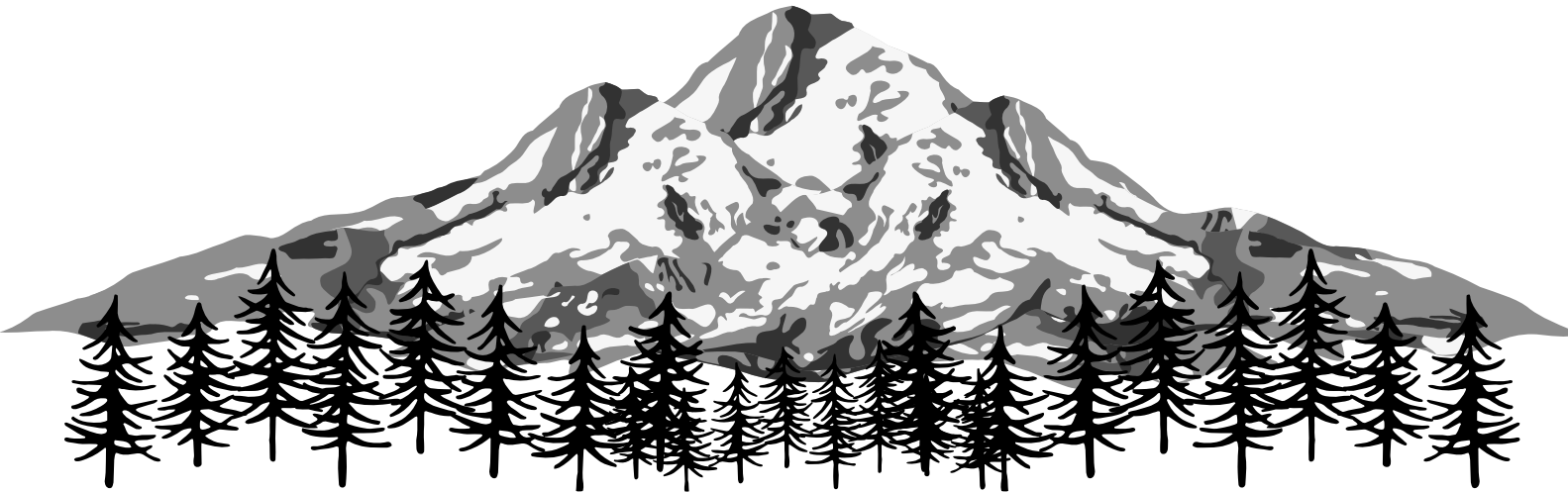


## From Scholarships to Shopping

**Members of the Essex County Sheriff's Office are members of the community and take enjoyment in giving back.**

- Award Scholarships to High School Seniors attending college for a career in Criminal Justice
- Collect Toys for different agencies throughout the county
- Shop with a Cop Program





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